

H3853–54, H3985, H3985–86, H3990–91 and H3991–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Robert Stephenson, Acting Deputy Administrator, Field Operations, Farm Services Agency; Dave White, Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Kathleen S. Tighe, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and John Jurich, Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Mark Shackelford, USAF, Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; and VADM David Archizel, USN, Principal Deputy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Navy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American and Alaska Natives Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau

of Labor Statistics; Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, U.S. Commander, European Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Medical Transition, Defense to Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECONSTRUCTING FUNDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; MAJ GEN Arnold Fields, USMC (ret.) Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay D. Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Major Gen. Darryl A. Scott, USAF, Deputy Commander, Task Force to Support Business Operations in Iraq, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command.

SUSTAINING THE NAVY'S SURFACE FLEET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on readiness and sustainment of the Navy's surface fleet. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: RADM (Upper Half) (Select) Philip H. Cullom, USN, Director, Fleet Readiness Division (OPNAV N43); RADM (Upper Half) (Select) Joseph F. Campbell, USN, Director of Staff, Fleet Maintenance Officer (USFF N43); RADM (Lower Half) James P. McManamon, USN, Deputy Commander, Surface Warfare, (SEA 21); and RADM (Lower Half) Thomas H. Eccles, USN, Deputy Commander Naval Systems Engineering (SEA 05), both with Naval Sea System Command.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported, as amended, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

WAGE THEFT OF AMERICA'S VULNERABLE WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Greg Kutz, Managing Director; and Jonathan Meyer, Assistant Director.

ADAPTATION POLICIES IN CLIMATE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Adaptation Policies in Climate legislation. Testimony was heard from Tom Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES: EXPLORING AVAILABILITY AND PRUDENT LENDING STANDARDS

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following measures: To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Res. 251, Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG).

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards. Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Scott Polakoff, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Timothy W. Long, Senior Deputy Comptroller, and Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, FDIC; Elizabeth A. Duke, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James Kroeker, Acting Chief Accountant, SEC; and public witnesses.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY; CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ARCTIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported as amended the following measures: H. Res. 76, Mourning the horrific loss of life in January 2009 caused by a landslide in Guatemala and an earthquake in Costa Rica and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should assist the affected people and communities; H. Res. 152, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty; H. Res. 171, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the need for constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the importance of sustained United States engagement in partnership with the European Union (EU); and H. Con. Res. 36, Calling on the President and the allies of the United States to engage with officials of the Government of Iran to raise the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on the Government of Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Committee also held a hearing on Climate Change and the Arctic: New Frontiers of National Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 279, as amended, Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Hawaii; H.R. 1299, Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009; H.R. 1679, House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 151, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009; H.R. 586, Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009; H.R. 749, To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; H.R.

415, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2009; and Committee Resolution #111-5, providing Official Mail Allowance to Committees of the House for the 111th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1139, as amended, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and H.R. 985, Free Flow of Information Act of 2009.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT; RESTORING FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full committee action the following bill: H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Restoring the Financial Stability of the U.S. Postal Service: What Needs to be Done? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; Carolyn Lewis Gallagher, Chairwoman, Board of Governors; and David C. Williams, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL MARKETS REGULATORY AGENCIES—INSPECTORS GENERAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Roles and Responsibilities of Inspectors General within Financial Markets Regulatory Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative John B. Larson; Gary L. Kepplinger, General Counsel, GAO; H. David Kotz, Inspector General, SEC; Elizabeth A. Coleman, General Counsel, System Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; William DeSarno, Inspector General, National Credit Union Administration; A. Roy Lavik, Inspector General, Commodities Future Trading Commission; Vanessa K. Burrows, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported as amended the following bills: H.R. 1580, Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009.

OVERSIGHT—SBA AND ITS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs." Testimony was heard from Darryl Hairston, Acting Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; the following officials of GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment and George Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1171, as amended, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.

NSA BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-215.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.